

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for targeting promotions to at least one network device, comprising:
a scheduler which develops schedules for the display of promotions
5 on the network device, the schedules being generated by matching
membership criteria with viewership profiles of the network device; and
a promotion agent that receives a promotion schedule from the scheduler,
wherein the promotion agent processes the schedule information for the display
of promotions.
- 10 2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a bulk manager server.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the bulk manager server stores promotions to be
scheduled for display on the network device.
4. The system of claim 2, wherein the bulk manager server downloads the
promotions to a bulk manager agent.
- 15 5. The system of claim 4, wherein the scheduler sends schedule information to the
promotion agent which processes the schedule information and transmits the
processed schedule information to the bulk manager agent.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the schedule information includes a time
schedule for displaying the promotions.
- 20 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the schedule information includes specified
promotions for displaying the promotions.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the schedule information includes locations for displaying the promotions.
9. The system of claim 1, further comprising a bulk manager server that retrieves the promotions from a database.
- 5 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the promotions are stored in a cache.
11. The system of claim 9, wherein the scheduler instructs the bulk manager server to retrieve the promotions from the database and send the promotions to designated network devices.
- 10 12. The system of claim 1, wherein the promotions are displayed at a designated time.
13. The system of claim 1, wherein the promotions are displayed when the viewers watch designated shows.
14. The system of claim 1, wherein the membership criteria are based on demographics of the viewers who use the network devices.
- 15 15. The system of claim 1, wherein the membership criteria are based on geographic locations of the viewers who use the network device.
16. The system of claim 1, wherein the membership criteria are based on channel and promotion history data.
- 20 17. The system of claim 1, wherein the scheduler schedules the promotions for delivery to specific promotion groups.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the promotions groups are collections of network devices.
19. The system of claim 18, wherein the promotion groups are based on matching the membership criteria to the viewership profiles.
- 5 20. A method for targeting promotions to at least one network device, comprising the steps of:
 - generating viewership profiles of the network device;
 - developing a schedule based on matching the viewership profiles with membership criteria; and
 - 10 sending promotions based on the schedule to selected network devices.
21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of storing the promotions in a bulk manager server.
22. The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of downloading the
15 promotions to a bulk manager agent.
23. The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of instructing the bulk manager agent to display selected promotions.
24. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of retrieving the promotions from a database.
- 20 25. The method of claim 24, wherein a bulk manager server retrieves the promotions.

26. The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of storing the promotions in a cache.
27. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of displaying selected promotions at a designated time on selected network devices.
- 5 28. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of displaying selected promotions when designated programs are watched by the viewers.
29. The method of claim 28, wherein the program includes a trigger in the broadcast.
30. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of displaying promotions based on viewer behavior.
- 10 31. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of retrieving the promotions across a unicast medium.
32. The method of claim 20, wherein the step of developing includes matching the viewership profiles with the membership criteria to generate promotion groups.